



St. Philip the Apostle School

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Dear St. Philip 4th – 7th grade Families,

In order to better account for our transition for new sports uniforms, we have decided to implement a more detailed plan to help us determine our uniform needs for next year. We recognize that many of you have recently purchased the uniforms you currently own, and if your specific team situation does not warrant a new uniform we'd like to continue to use them. Realize that we have little time to assess the uniform needs for each team because any new orders must be completed as soon as possible. In the future we hope to be made aware of any uniform product changes earlier in the game, so that we may have more lead time to prepare for the following season. Here is an outline of our intentions from this day forward:

Step 1: Registration counts – Collect registration forms for both Volleyball and Basketball so that we know exactly how many teams we will have. We pay a fee to the Big West League for each team that participates, so an accurate count is necessary to project what our program expenses will be. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE WILL NOW BE TUESDAY, MAY, 25th.**

Step 2: Uniform needs – Based on those participating, which teams will require new uniforms based the need of new students new to the program, or possible grade level consolidation of teams. (The Big West Volleyball League is a 5th/6th Boys single combined league as well as the 7th/8th Boys – Basketball is by individual grade level)

Step 3: Determination of Fees – We've already issued our initial pricing based on new uniforms for each team, so that will be the *maximum possible price*. It is our hope that we can lower those fees if our total expense projections to the league are less than originally figured, although *raising the fee will be unavoidable*.

Please note that it is very possible that each team may have a different fee this year. As we transition everyone to new uniforms, the fee scale may change over the course of the next 3 years until all old uniforms are phased out.

Some points to consider:

- It is possible that next year's 6th grade boys' volleyball team would include 5th grade boys if there are not enough to field a team. That would mean that they all would need a new uniform. Each teams' uniform must match.
- The 8th graders may not actually need new uniforms if their current ones fit. As of today, there is only 1 new boy student. Will he be able to borrow a uniform from an outgoing 8th grader? The same scenario applies to 3 new 7th grade boys next year. If you know an outgoing 8th grader, please encourage them to donate their uniform to us.
- If we were able to use the old uniforms for another year or two, how will we replace a torn or damaged uniform when there are none to be found? Will students be able to care for the current uniforms properly?
- Will separate uniforms for volleyball and basketball be preferred? Will older students, possibly the girls, be more receptive to having a uniform for volleyball in addition to basketball?
- League fees are going up; we currently break even with respect for fees charged to participate vs. league costs.

Please continue to turn in your registration forms at this time. We WILL NOT collect any fees or deposits until further notice. We will not be depositing any checks that have already been issued to us at this time.

We will continue with the current try-on date as scheduled. It is imperative that we receive your registration form by next Tuesday, May 25th so that we may accurately assess what team fees and uniform needs are.

Sincerely,

Mr. Coulter, Mr. Guglielmi & Father Mark